

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
Tallahassee, July 18, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

I desire the consent of the Senate to withdraw the nomination of David Moncrief for clerk of court for the county of Columbia, whose commission has not issued.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

Action on the message was postponed till Monday next, the 20th instant.

On motion, the doors were opened, and the Senate adjourned till Monday.

MONDAY, July 20th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The journal read, corrected, and approved.

The following bills were introduced by leave, read first time by title, under suspension of the rules, and referred to committees.

By Mr. Knight:

"An act to repeal the second section of an act entitled An Act in relation to fees to be charged, received, and collected by the public officers of the State, whose fees are prescribed by law;" to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Purman:

"An Act defining and regulating the duties of cabinet officers;" to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Purman:

"An Act to fund the debt of the State, to provide for the issue of bonds, and to authorize the Governor and Comptroller to negotiate the same;" to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Alden:

"An Act to provide for the publication of the laws and official and legal advertisements;" to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Alden:

"An Act to fund the outstanding debt of the State;" to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Alden:

"An Act requiring justices of the peace to hold inquests on the dead;" to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Krimminger:

"An Act to protect the owners of cattle, and for other purposes;" to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Jenkins:

"An Act to provide for a code of civil and criminal laws, and a code of practice thereunder, and for digesting the opinions of the Supreme Court;" to the Committee on Code of Practice.

The following reports of committees were received:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
July 20th, 1868. }

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following memorial, "For establishing mail route," as correctly engrossed.

JOSEPH A. ATKINS,

Chairman *pro tem.* of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Assembly resolution No. 36, relative to Homestead Exemptions, respectfully recommend its passage.

C. R. MOWLEY,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of B. Thomas, *et al.*, report the same back, and recommend its indefinite postponement.

A. A. KNIGHT,

Chairman of Committee on City and County Organizations.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
Tallahassee, Fla., July 20, 1868. }

HON. W. H. GILKISON, President of the Senate:

SIR: The Assembly has passed "Joint resolution relative to appointing a committee to examine and settle the accounts of the State Treasurer." Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Clerk of the Assembly.

Assembly resolution, No. 36, was taken up, read second time, and ordered engrossed.

Petition of B. Thomas, *et al.*, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill, No. 9, was taken up on third reading, and on motion recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Alden, leave was granted F. A. Dockray to withdraw his petition contesting the seat of Mr. Moragne, of the 17th District, which was introduced on the 15th ult.

On motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole on the Penitentiary bill.

During the session of the committee, a message from the Governor was received, the President taking the Chair for that purpose. The message lay over without being read.

The committee rose and reported back the bill with the following amendments: Insert in line 25 of section 2, after the word "dollars," the words "or such greater sum as may be determined upon from time to time by the Governor and Comptroller of the State." Strike out in line 37 of section 2 the words "colonel commanding," and insert the words "Adjutant General." Strike out in line 39 of section 2 the word "three," and insert the word "five." Insert in line 43 of section 2, after the period and before the word "they," the words "excepting the surgeon." Strike out in line 3 of section 3 the word "five," and insert the word "three." Strike out in section 5 all after the word "service." Insert at the close of section 18 the following words: "The allowance of rations, bedding, and clothing shall be the same as the standard fixed by the army regulations of the United States." Strike out in line 5 of section 20 the words "three months," and insert the words "thirty days." Strike out in line 3 of section 29 the words "judicial district," and insert the word "State." Insert in line 5 of section 29 after the word "prisoners" the words "sentenced by United States Courts." Strike out section 30. Strike out in line 4 of section 31 the words "or witness." Strike out section 34. The necessary changes in the numbers of the sections following section 30, which was stricken out, were made.

The report of the committee was adopted. The bill was passed to its third reading and ordered engrossed.

The Senate took a recess, till 5 P. M.

#### FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session, the President in the chair.

A quorum present.

On motion, the Senate went into executive session.

The following message, received this A. M., from the Governor, was read and lay over under the rules:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 20th, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate the following named persons for the offices severally designated, viz:

Allen J. Cassidy, to be County Judge for Sumter county.

Wilson W. Cassidy, to be Clerk of the Court for Sumter county.

Akin Stivender, to be Sheriff for Sumter county.

John C. Lee, to be Assessor of Taxes for Sumter county.

Loret B. Lee, to be Collector of Revenue for Sumter county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

The following message was received from the Governor, and lay over under the rules:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 20th, 1868. }

TO THE SENATE:

I hereby nominate the following named persons for the offices severally designated, viz:

William W. Wills, to be County Judge for Bradford county.

Benjamin E. Tucker, to be Clerk of the Court for Bradford county.

Francis M. Weeks, to be Sheriff for Bradford county.

Richard L. Holloway, to be Assessor of Taxes for Bradford county.

Isham Brown, to be Collector of Revenue for Bradford county.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

The following message was received from the Governor, which, with the accompanying claim, was referred to the Committee on Legislative Expenditures:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, July 20th, 1868. }

HON. W. H. GLEASON, President of the Senate:

I herewith submit for the consideration of the Legislature a copy of an account for printing the journals of the two houses, for the first four days of the present session. I am informed that it is made out in accordance with the prices heretofore allowed for the public printing of the State. If this be so, it seems to me it is time that some limit should be interposed to save the State from exorbitant demands in this direction. If the daily journal alone for four days at the commencement of the session costs \$250 per day, at the same rate the bills and other incidental printing, as the session advances, will readily swell the amount to \$1000 per day.

The impoverished condition of the State and people will not admit of any extravagance. My object in inviting attention to this subject is, that due caution may be observed in ordering printing, and that measures may be taken to protect the State against exorbitant and unjust demands.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

## STATE OF FLORIDA,

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1868.	<i>To Dyke &amp; Sparhawk,</i>		
June 8.	To printing 500 copies of House Journal of 8th and 9th, 2,300,000 words at 1½ cents the hundred words.....	\$345 00	
" 8.	To printing 600 copies Senate Journal of 8th and 9th, 2,760,000 words, at 1½ cents .....	414 00	-\$759 00
" 15.	To printing 100 copies House Journal, 815,000 words.....	121 75	
" 15.	To printing 100 copies yeas and nays from House, 110,000 words.....	16 50	
" 15.	To printing 100 copies Senate Journal, 700,000 words.....	105 00	
" 16.	To printing 200 copies Senate Journal, 120,000 words.....	18 00	-261 25
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The executive message of Saturday, requesting the consent of the Senate to the withdrawal of the nomination of David Moncrief to be Clerk of Court for Columbia county, was taken up and postponed for one day.

The executive nominations of Saturday were taken up, and the following confirmed:

Henry A. Bushnell, to be County Judge for Santa Rosa county.

E. B. Riley, to be Clerk of Court for Santa Rosa county.

John W. Butler, to be Sheriff for Santa Rosa county.

Thomas T. Long, to be Circuit Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit.

John D. Atkins, to be County Judge for Franklin county.

Thomas O'Connor, to be Clerk of Court for Franklin county.

John F. Benezet, to be Assessor of Taxes for Franklin county.

George Redgate, to be Collector of Revenue for Franklin county.

Henry Grady, to be Sheriff of Franklin county.

On motion, the doors were opened.

Mr. Alden, on leave, introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the fees of officers," which was read by its title under a suspension of the rules, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Knight, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back Senate bill No. 6, with a substitute, which was read the second time by its title under a suspension of the rules, read the third time under a suspension of the rules, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Hunt, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Underwood, and Weeks—20.

Nays—None.

Senate bill No. 9 was reported back by the Judiciary Committee with a substitute, the passage of which was recommended.

The substitute was adopted, read the third time, and passed with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Alden, Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Davis, Goss, Ginn, Hunt, Jenkins, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, Mobley, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, and Weeks—19.

Nays—None.

The Committee on Legislative Expenditures reported back Senate Bill No. 9½, relative to Legislative Officers, with the following amendments:

Insert the words "and employees" after the word "officers" in line 2 of section 1; strike out in line 3 of section 1 the words "each session" and insert the words "the two sessions;" insert in line 20 of section 1 the words "committee clerks, not to exceed three for each House, at five dollars per day" after the word "day;" insert in line 23 of section 1 the words "and travelling expenses at ten cents per mile in serving process" after the word "day;" in lines 4 and 5 of section 2 strike out the words "fifty dollars per annum" and insert "two dollars per day;" after section 3 insert the following section: "Sec. 4. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to apply the provisions of the same to the present Legislature."

The report was adopted, and the bill passed to its third reading and ordered engrossed.

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, July 21st, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

The Journal was read, corrected, and approved.

The following reports of Committees were received:

The Committee report back the Joint Resolution relative to Mail Route from Melonville to Ocala, Florida, and respectfully ask that the memorial handed in by the Committee be substituted therefor, and adopted.

S. KATZENBERG,

Chairman of Committee on State Affairs.

The report was adopted.